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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR BIOMETRIC RECOGNITION BASED ON
ELECTRIC AND/OR MAGNETIC CHARACTERISTICS

Commissioner For Patents

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend this application as follows:

In the claims:Please amend claims ³205, 318, 327 - 336, 340, 342, 344, 345 and 357 as
indicated below:

305. (amended) Apparatus for authenticating a specific individual by comparing a present biometric signature, which comprises a ratio of measurements of unique, internal electric and/or magnetic and/or acoustic properties of a plurality of different body parts of said specific individual, with at least one known biometric signature, said apparatus including a card having a plurality of electrodes for engagement with said body parts to generate said present biometric signature, a reader for reading the present biometric signature generated by the card, and a comparator for comparing the present and known biometric signatures to authenticate the individual if the biometric signatures match.